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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

"Absorbent Materials Having Improved Structural Stability In Dry And Wet States And Making Methods Therefor"

bearing the above listed Procter & Gamble Company Case number, the specification of which was filed as PCT/US97/06603, designating at least the United States of America, with the United States Receiving Office on 24 April 1997.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

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